

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
December 3, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH
MAYOR GRAHAM**

ALSO PRESENT: **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Designating Depositories of City Funds for 2008
- 2 - Proposed County Tax Rate 2008
- 3 - Approving Change Order No. 5 To Contract for Reconstruction of State Street, Villager Construction, Inc.
- 4 - Approving an Extension of the Agreement for Empire Zone Administration Services, Camoin Associates, Inc.
- 5 - Approving Bid for the Purchase of a Hydraulic Tree/Brush Mauler
- 6 - Approving Bid for the Purchase of 185 cfm Air Compressor
- 7 - Finding that the Approval of the Zone Change Application Of City Staff, on Behalf of Michael Doney, to Establish Zoning for Property Located on Division Street West, East Of Leray Street, Parcel No. 2-11-139, Will Not Have a Significant Impact on the Environment
- 8 - Amending City Municipal Code Chapter 293, Vehicles and Traffic
- 9 - Local Law No. 9 of 2007 – Local Law Repealing Local Law No. 3 of 1988 Of the City of Watertown and Expressly Providing that Any Prior Local Law Establishing Salaries of the Mayor and Members of the City Council Shall Not Be Revived
- 10 - 7:30 p.m. – Establishing the Zoning Classification as Neighborhood Business and Residence B for a Former Paper Street Known as Division St. West, Parcel No. 2-11-139
- 11- Tabled Ordinance – Amending City Municipal Code 293-52, Schedule IV: One-Way Streets
- 12 – Laid Over– Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds of the City Of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Design and Replacement or Rehabilitation of Water Pump Station Motor Drives at the Water Treatment Plant, In and For Said City
- 13 - Laid Over – Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$10,000 Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, to Pay Additional Costs of Recreational Improvements to the Black River Shoreline at the Route 3 Wave, In and For Said City

- 14- Laid Over – Ordinance Amendment to Municipal Code, Section 293, Vehicles And Traffic, High and Union Street Parking Lots
- 15 - Administrative Fee Schedule for Self-Funded Health Insurance Third Party Administrator
- 16 - Boards and Commissions
- 17- City Manager's Update Report
- 18 - Monthly Financial Report

COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2007 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman LaBouf, seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Martin Lamon, 124 Ward St., addressed the chair stating that he and his neighbors continue to receive no help from the City in regards to the Moot property. He stated that there was a 3' hole in the garage and it was only covered with 3 shingles and was allowed to pass inspection. He also stated that Mr. Moot has become abusive to his family and others on the street. Mr. Lamon commented that whenever they come to Council nothing is ready. He stated that he is disgraced to be a part of the City. He also stated that a health inspector should have been allowed on the property in the beginning. Mr. Lamon stated that he lives next door to a landfill. He also remarked that he can't get into his driveway. Mr. Lamon commented that Mr. McWayne gives Mr. Moot a ride when he comes to inspect the property. Mr. Lamon then left the meeting.

Councilman Clough asked Mr. McWayne to comment on the Moot property.

Mr. McWayne explained that the garage roof was patched by using plywood to fill the hole and then covering it with shingles. He stated that Mr. Moot has complied with everything. There is no trash in the house and the cellar is spotless. He remarked that he doesn't know what people expect. There is no law saying that a person has to use paint on the house. He could just use sealer if he desired. The outside work will be addressed in the spring.

Councilman Clough asked that it be top priority in the spring.

Mr. McWayne answered questions concerning animals and trash in the property. He stated that he did a walk through on November 21st and everything is done. The building is stabilized and there is no trash. He also explained that during the cleanup, there may have been 4 or 5 mice. However, there were never any rats and Mr. Moot doesn't own any animals. He stated that the cellar has been cleaned and bleached and there was never any reason for the health inspector to be called.

Mrs. Corriveau asked about a refrigerator full of rotting meat.

Mr. McWayne stated that Mr. Moot replaced his refrigerator. The old one is on the back porch and there is no rotting meat in it. In fact, the door is open on it. He also stated that none of the contractors that worked on the property ever said anything about this. And, to his knowledge, there haven't been any police reports filed on Mr. Moot concerning any recent problems on the property or with his driving. He also explained that the driveways of Mr. Moot and Mr. Lamon are side by side. He stated that Mr. Moot is parked legally in his own driveway.

Mayor Graham responded that while this is an annoying situation, he is not sure that the City can go much further with it.

Scott Gates, 157 Dorsey Street, addressed the chair explaining that the recent fund raising event made \$900 for the proposed dog park. He remarked that there are many people who are in support of a less costly dog park. He remarked that there will be another fund raising event on January 6th.

Bart Bonner, City business owner, addressed the chair in support of the Council receiving raises. He also advised that the garage at his wife's business on State Street is completed, but did cost between \$8,000-\$10,000 more to have it situated the way Council wanted. He remarked that he can't figure out how it can be plowed because of the way it sits on the property. He referred to the Thursday night joint meeting and how, he felt, common ground couldn't be met on the bus issue. He stated that mutual aid is dominated by the fire unions. He also commented that the productive people don't live in the City anymore. He also stated that the Town of Watertown will never open its tax base to the City so that they can pay off the unions to provide services to the non-productive citizens of the City of Watertown. He suggested training fire volunteers to use as replacements for the professional fire fighters when they retire. He also stated that he would get rid of the Watertown Police Department since they only give out tickets and escort funerals. Mr. Bonner stated that he would give extra money to the Sheriff and have them patrol the city during the night. He also remarked that he would get rid of the Public Works Department and put it out to bid.

Bob Thorton, 652 Arsenal Street, addressed the chair commenting that a lot of work and effort was done by the City on the Moot property. He told Council that he would like to see a homeless shelter in the City at 303 & 308 Waltham Street. The site has two brick

houses on it and would supply the needs of the homeless in the City. He commented that a friend of his, also homeless, recently died alone in a City hotel room.

Edson Cox, 102 Franklin Street, addressed the chair in support of a raise for Council and remarked that in the future it should be based on the cost of living increase.

PUBLIC HEARING

AT 7:30 P.M. MAYOR GRAHAM ASKED THE CITY CLERK TO READ THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION AS NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE B FOR A FORMER PAPER STREET KNOWN AS DIVISION STREET WEST, PARCEL NO. 2-11-139.

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING OPEN.

No one spoke

MAYOR GRAHAM DECLARED THE HEARING CLOSED.

R E S O L U T I O N S

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

RESOLVED that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as depositories of the City of Watertown, New York for the year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008:

Community Bank, N.A.
HSBC Bank USA
Key Bank
Redwood National Bank

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Bank, N.A., HSBC Bank USA, Redwood National Bank and Key Bank each be required to either execute a bond, deliver to the City of Watertown, New York approved collateral or to deposit at a mutually agreed upon depository approved collateral of a value up to FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000).

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, by resolution dated November 15, 2007, certified to the City that the contribution of the City of Watertown to the taxes of the County of Jefferson for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2008 is \$6,783,894.97,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council shall and hereby does levy the said aggregate amount of taxes of \$6,783,894.97, so ascertained and directed and to be certified to the City and to be extended on the Assessment Rolls by the City Assessor, as provided by Section 115 of the City Charter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City does hereby levy a total fee of \$6,783,895 to be collected at a rate of \$6.9873 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which total of \$6,783,958 includes \$29,093 in omitted taxes.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN SMITH VOTING NAY

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS on June 30, 2005, the City Council of the City of Watertown approved the bid submitted by Villager Construction, Inc., Fairport, New York, in the amount of \$9,669,669 for the reconstruction of State Street from Eastern Boulevard to Public Square, and

WHEREAS on September 5, 2006 the City Council approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$0, and

WHEREAS on December 18, 2006 the City Council approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount \$341,912.96, and

WHEREAS on June 18, 2007 the City Council approved Change Order Nos. 3 and 4 in the amount of \$697,228.60 and \$138,716 respectively, and

WHEREAS City Engineer Kurt Hauk has submitted for City Council consideration Change Order No. 4 to the contract, in the amount of \$48,375.17, copies of which are attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Villager Construction, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Change Order documents on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA EXCEPT COUNCILMAN SMITH VOTING NAY

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough asked if any more change orders would be coming for this project.

Mr. Hauk, City Engineer, explained that there will be at least one more, the final one. He explained that this change order balances out the majority of the addendums for the contract. However, fuel prices and asphalt prices will drive the cost changes.

Councilman Bradley asked if Clough Harbour had done the design estimates. He remarked that quite a few changes have happened because the design estimates are off.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that they did and the City has started discussions with Clough Harbour concerning this. They are working with the City to put together good numbers.

Mr. Hauk also advised that the City has been working with representatives from DOT and will do supplemental amounts in the future.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York approved an Agreement for Empire Zone Administration Services with Camoin Associates, Inc. on August 18, 2003, and

WHEREAS the current Agreement with Camoin to provide Empire Zone Administration services expires on December 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS the services of Camoin Associates, Inc. will be needed to continue to administer the local program after December 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS the Zone Administrative Board is recommending that the Agreement with Camoin to provide services through December 31, 2010, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Agreement for Empire Zone Administration Services with Camoin Associates, Inc. through December 31, 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mayor Graham asked about the increase from \$65.00 to \$130.00

Councilman Clough explained that he and Mrs. Corriveau negotiated with Camoin and were able to get a three year contract in order to spread the increase over that time period. He explained that the principle hours, which were 63, were mainly in the beginning of the year. Now, the coordinator is trained and the principle hours have been reduced.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of one new and unused hydraulic tree/brush mauler, per our bid specifications, for use by the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to eight (8) prospective bidders with one (1) bid being received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 11 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver reviewed the bid submitted with Eugene Hayes, DPW Superintendent and Peter Monaco, Assistant DPW Superintendent, and it is his recommendation that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Anderson Equipment Company, 22607 Murrock Circle, Watertown, New York, in the amount of \$50,603.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York hereby accepts the bid of \$50,603.00 submitted by Anderson Equipment Company, 22607 Murrock Circle, Watertown, New York, for one new and unused hydraulic tree/brush mauler for use by the City's Department of Public Works.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN R. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Water Department, has advertised and received sealed bids for the purchase of one new and unused 185 cfm air compressor, for use by the Water Department, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to four (4) prospective bidders, with three (3) bids being received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver reviewed the bids received with Gary Pilon, Superintendent of Water, Eugene Hayes, DPW Superintendent and Peter Monaco, Assistant DPW Superintendent and it is his recommendation that the City Council accept the bid submitted by McQuade & Bannigan, 22696 Murrock Circle, Watertown, New York, in the amount of \$15,297.00, being the lowest qualifying bid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York hereby accepts the bid of \$15,297.00 submitted by McQuade & Bannigan, 22696 Murrock Circle, Watertown, New York, for one new and unused 185 cfm air compressor for use by the City Water Department.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York has before it an ordinance for the zone change application of City staff, on behalf of Michael Doney, to the establish zoning classification for the former paper street known as West Division Street, which is now Parcel No. 2-11-139, as Neighborhood Business on the western portion of the lot and as Residence "B" on the eastern portion, and

WHEREAS the City Council must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS the adoption of the proposed ordinance will constitute such an "Action", and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the proposed ordinance is an "Unlisted Action" as that term is defined in 6NYCRR Section 617.2(ak), and

WHEREAS there are no other involved agencies for SEQRA review as that term is defined in 6NYCRR Section 617.2(s), and

WHEREAS to aid the City Council in its determination as to whether the proposed zone change will have a significant effect on the environment, Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared by City staff, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that:

1. Based upon its examination and completion of Part II of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and comparison of the proposed action with the criteria set forth in 6NYCRR Section 617.7, no significant impact on the environment is known and the adoption of the zone change will not have a significant effect on the environment.

2. The Mayor of the City of Watertown is authorized to execute Part III of the Environment Assessment Form to the effect the City Council is issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough asked why this needs to change.

Mrs. Freda, City Planner, explained that because the property was a paper street, it has no zoning. This ordinance is to establish a zoning district. Mr. Doney's request for a subdivision will go before the Planning Board and this zoning change needs to be done before that.

Mr. Doney explained his proposed subdivision to Council.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 293 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended to add the following:

§ 293-61. Schedule XIII: Parking Prohibited at All Times

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Haley Street	South	From Washington Street to Myrtle Avenue
Ward Street	South	From Washington Street to Myrtle Avenue
Bishop Street	South	From Washington Street to Myrtle Avenue

Park Avenue	North	From Washington Street to Myrtle Avenue
Bowers Avenue	North	From Washington Street to Myrtle Avenue
Ball Avenue	East	Entire Length

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Chapter 293 of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended to delete the following:

§ 293-61. Schedule XIII: Parking Prohibited at All Times

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Haley Street	South	From Washington Street to a point 200 feet east thereof
Bishop Street	South	From Washington Street to a point 140 feet east thereof
Bowers Avenue	South	From Washington Street to a point 450 feet east thereof

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this amendment shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOVED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing ordinance, Councilman Clough asked to clarify that this will be one side parking on the side opposite of the fire hydrants.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that this is correct.

Councilman Smith asked that it be noted in the official record of the meeting that the intent of this ordinance is only until the construction is completed. At that time, it will revert back to how the parking was before.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that it will require another ordinance at that time to change it back.

Councilman Bradley commented that some people on those streets would prefer that it stays this way after the construction is completed.

THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE DESIGN AND REPLACEMENT OR REHABILITATION OF WATER PUMP STATION MOTOR DRIVES AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, IN AND FOR SAID CITY WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL (Introduced to Council on November 19, 2007; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 260 of the 2007 Minutes Book)

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BLACK RIVER SHORELINE AT THE ROUTE 3 WAVE, IN AND FOR SAID CITY WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL (Introduced to Council on November 19, 2007; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 260 of the 2007 Minutes Book)

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 293, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, HIGH AND UNION STREET PARKING LOTS WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL (Introduced to Council on November 19, 2007; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 261 of the 2007 Minutes Book)

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION AS NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE B FOR A FORMER PAPER STREET KNOWN AS DIVISION ST. WEST, PARCEL NO. 2-11-139 WAS

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL (Introduced on November 19, 2007, public hearing held this evening; appears in its entirety 261 on page of the 2007 Minutes Book)

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 293-52, SCHEDULE IV: ONE-WAY STREETS(Introduced on November 5, 2007; tabled; appears in its entirety on page 252 of the 2007 Minutes Book).

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Councilman Clough remarked that some businesses did have problems with this being made one-way.

Councilman Bradley remarked about the visibility problem when pulling out from Polk Street onto State Street. The corner of the building and the parking on State St. block the driver's view.

Councilman Clough remarked that there is no problem when they come off Polk and turn right on to State.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that the visibility at that intersection is very bad. She described how she has seen a driver go into the parking lot on the right and pull out onto State from there and another turn left onto State with traffic coming.

Councilman Smith remarked that Polk Street has always been narrow and has two-way traffic for years without any problems.

Mrs. Corriveau reviewed the discussions that were held in 2003 concerning the State Street plan and the fact that there were three options available for Polk Street. They were to make it one-way or to purchase part of the parking lot on the west side of Polk to widen it enough for two cars to pass or to take the entire parking lot and create on-street parking and widen the street.

Mr. Hauk explained that Polk Street is not wide enough for two cars. At the present time, if there are two cars on the street, one has to move into the private parking lot. In addition, there needs to be 150' of sight distance available to a driver pulling out into an intersection.

Mrs. Corriveau discussed the sight distance concerns pulling onto Factory from Polk. She explained that traffic engineers have also suggested that parking should be restricted to the east of the intersection in front of Mick's Place for better visibility.

Mr. Hauk advised that when we rebuild State Street, the City needs to meet the existing code. Parking on Factory Street will become an issue when the City rebuilds that street, as well.

Councilman Bradley referred to the fact that the City supported a grant to the property owner who owns the parking lot and the apartment building.

Mr. Hauk explained that the owner also has trucks working at the apartment building park in the spaces closest to Polk Street.

Councilman Smith responded that it was his recollection to keep the street two-way.

Mrs. Corriveau referred to discussions that occurred after Councilman Smith was off the Council. The vote was taken on the design in January 2004 and the design included it being one-way. She also explained that the signage is up in an effort to protect vehicle traffic. She stated that two engineers advised that it isn't safe for two-way traffic.

Attorney Slye advised Council that when they study an intersection, they subject the City to liability if they don't go along with the traffic engineer's recommendation.

Mayor Graham asked if Council wished to acquire property to widen the street.

Councilman LaBouf remarked that he thinks one-way is a good solution to the problem.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that a partial purchase of the lot property would take away 8 spaces. A full acquisition would take away 24 spaces but create 12 on-street spaces.

Councilman Bradley asked if anyone had addressed pedestrian safety. He remarked that the building is right at the corner and you can not see anything when you pull out.

Councilman Clough asked that the owner of the apartment building be contacted.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY TO TABLE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

LOCAL LAW

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Local Law No. 3 of 1988 established the salary of the Mayor and the salary of each member of the City Council of the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown has determined to repeal Local Law No. 3 of 1988, and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, in repealing Local Law No. 3 of 1988, desires that no prior Local Law establishing salaries be revived,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED Local Law No. 3 of 1988 is repealed, and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED no prior Local Law establishing salaries for the City Mayor and/or City Council shall be revived hereby.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO SCHEDULE A
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING LOCAL LAW FOR MONDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY
COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

Boards & Commissions

Mayor Graham referred to the report and asked about the replacement of Councilman-Elect Butler on the EDZ board.

Councilman Clough explained that the EDZ board will recommend an individual to the Council.

Councilman Clough advised that the members on CAPC would like to be reappointed. He asked that resolution be prepared for the next meeting.

It was also mentioned that the constables would be reappointed as well.

Mrs. Corriveau will ask the members of the Board of Ethics if they wish to be reappointed.

Mayor Graham also mentioned that there may be a vacancy on the library board in a few months.

Traffic Study Results – Mullin/Holcomb

Councilman Bradley asked about the results of the study.

Mr. Hauk explained that they have raw counts. However, in the spring, he would suggest that they sit at the intersection and do turning counts and speed counts as well.

Surplus Power & Sales Tax Revenue

Councilman Clough referred to the September monthly report which indicated that surplus power was down and sales tax is up.

Mr. Mills explained that sales tax is up compared to the same quarter last year. However, it is short compared to the budget. Surplus power is down compared to last year at this time, as well.

City's Website & Handicap Access to Library

Councilman Clough referred to an email from a City employee who had been doing the webpage for a number of years. He asked why the City decided to take it away from the I.T. Department.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that they didn't take any work away from the I.T. Department. Mr. Keenan, Webmaster, and Civicplus will be working together on the development of the page.

Councilman Bradley commented that he had spoken with Mr. Keenan and Mrs. Dockstader about this and they felt that they have been removed from the entire process and taken out of the loop.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that she has discussed this with Mr. Keenan and he always knew he was involved in the process. She advised that Mr. Keenan had also given her a copy of the email.

Councilman Bradley referred to the other concern by the employee regarding handicap access to the library. He stated that the library has applied for a historical grant through the library fund to pay for the cost of handicap access.

Mrs. Corriveau advised Council that this application was done as a result of the employee's request.

Joint Town & City Meeting

Councilman LaBouf asked if the Council needs to take action on the application this evening.

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the application needs to be in the mail a week from Thursday. She commented that other communities that applied began about a year before the application was put in. She stated that she would ask Council to adjourn to next Monday night to discuss this.

Mayor Graham remarked that he thinks it is important to continue the momentum on this. He remarked that the billing issue is small but possibly an historic step.

Alternative Energy

Councilman LaBouf asked if information concerning this could be prepared for Monday's meeting.

Sex Offender Legislation

Councilman LaBouf asked that information concerning this also be prepared for Monday's meeting.

Trash Complaint

Councilman Smith referred to a complaint by a City tote user.

Councilman Bradley commented that the complaintant was Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Hayes explained that the individual routinely has overflows from the tote. This time, the collector removed the overflow, dumped the container and put the overflow back in the bin. He stated that it is hard to fault the collector as he was doing what the law says.

Councilman Smith remarked that if we are having a customer who routinely overflows the bin, it would be a better customer service to contact the customer about it.

Mr. Hayes responded that he agreed and it had been done previously. He explained that the contract is for a full container.

Councilman Bradley commented that he used Waste Management at his business and he repeatedly overflowed the container. Waste Management sent him a letter and told him to stop doing so.

Councilman LaBouf asked about a refund to the individual.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the amount would be prorated and that sum would be returned to him.

POMCO

Councilman Smith referred to the memo concerning the administrative fee for POMCO. He remarked that he is concerned that certain insurance companies are requiring patients to become inpatients when the procedure has been consistently done as an outpatient. He asked that Mrs. Corriveau find out from POMCO if that is their practice.

Mrs. Corriveau asked to meet with Councilman Smith to discuss just what information he wants.

Old Newsboy Day

Mayor Graham reminded everyone that Friday, December 7th is Old Newsboy Day, a fundraiser for the Salvation Army.

Swearing In Ceremony

Mayor Graham advised that the swearing in ceremony for Council will be on January 1, 2008 at noon at the library.

ADJOURNMENT

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:49 P.M. UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Donna M. Dutton

City Clerk